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# Search will end for NFL players off coast

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Exemplary Award 2008

# "Playa Pabou Community Center" recognized for excellence



MADIKI - For the first time Caribbean Speed Printers N.V., mother company of sister newspapers Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba, presented a new recognition "Exemplary Award" dedicated to those who work voluntarily to be of service to their community. Exemplary Award 2008 this time has been awarded to the dynamic board of directors of the "Playa Pabou Community Centre," whom have shown exactly what a community center is supposed to be to its neighborhood.

A group of people who have come together and have locked heads to procure that this community center runs as its supposed to, by continuously organizing events to serve neighborhood of Madiki and surrounding areas.

Since 2007, under the direction of his President Dennis Burke, "Playa Pabou Community Center" began offering more programs for the community, and in 2008, a very active board started a series of programs on a monthly basis that would interest the youth and adults of the neighborhood.

Beside social programs, cultural, sport and musical events were also organized and "Playa Pabou Community Center" was transformed into a useful tool for the neighborhood of Madiki and surroundings.

For the last 10 years, the community center has been functioning and working hard, looking for volunteers who are willing to give of their time to serve their neighborhood.

Good All Around Programs

During 2008, the board of the Playa Pabou community center, executed several programs, widely targeted so everybody can have a good time, doing a wide variety of stuff.

Mostly, activities for the youth were organized. For example: movie night, cultural activities, two mayor vacation plans were organized and were well attended too. There was also a bike tour that became very popular.

The biggest event for the Playa Pabou Community Center for 2008

was the "International day of Children", that was attended by more than 700 kids, not only of Madiki, but from all around the island. The center also organizes events for adults and has programs that are called 60-plussers, when also organizing major cultural events like "Dera Gai" and "Dia di San Juan".

The recognition goes to the board of playa pabou community center and the countless volunteers that contribute to giving a hand during the centers activities.

The board consists of: President: Dennis Burke, Secretary: Miryam Ruiz, Treasurer: Anjelie Giel, Deputy: Rita Thomas, Deputy Michelle Fingal

Management of Caribbean Speed Printers N.V. honors these vigorous people, which give so much back to the community, as volunteers devoted to the interest of others.

Hopefully this community center inspires other centers and other organizations on our island, and even tough there are others on our island doing exemplary work, the success of the programs at the Playa Pabou Community Center merit our recognition of "Exemplary Award 2008".





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AVP moves into the Rio Grande

# **Yellow Turns Into Green**



NOORD - AVP promises to bring the change Aruba is longing for. The inhabitants of the Noord district came from everywhere to help with the painting activities. The faded yellow color of the Rio Grande landmark changed into a fresh green color.

This Rio Grande building in Noord will be serving as an AVP party house during the upcoming campaign. Being closer to the public gives AVP the chance to listen to what is on the people's mind.

AVP-leader Mike Eman himself took a paintbrush and helped in this symbolic change from yellow to green. This is only the beginning of an ambitious campaign involving the whole island. Eman stated that he and his party will do their utmost best to return to the people



what the people deserve, the right to peace, trust and hope. Prosperity should be protected and shared within the people and not with the small group of "friends and family" as has been happening for the last 7 years.

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# Brooks-Salmon elected chair democratic deficit committee

THE HAGUE--The three members of the recently installed Democratic Deficit Committee have appointed Mavis Brooks-Salmon their chairperson.

The decision to appoint Brooks-Salmon, currently Deputy Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles in The Hague, was taken during a meeting last Thursday. Brooks-Salmon, who represents the Netherlands Antilles on the committee, has informed Chairman of the Antillean Parliament Pedro Atacho of the decision. The other two members of the committee are Bram Peper who represents the Netherlands and Hubert Maduro who sits on the committee on behalf of Aruba. Peper is a former minister of Home Affairs and ex-mayor of the city of Rotterdam, while Maduro is a member of the Council of State for the Kingdom (Raad van State voor het Koninkrijk).

During Thursday's meeting, the committee also set the agenda for future meetings which will be held at the Antillean House in The Hague. The committee will meet every three weeks. The committee plans to have its discussion paper ready by the end of May. The intention is to visit the Parliaments of Aruba and the Netherlands, as well as the island governments in June.

The committee wants to get the input of the parliaments and of the local governments about the democratic deficit. This deficit is caused by the lack of a Kingdom Parliament which should check decisions taken by the Kingdom Government. The Kingdom Government comprises of the Dutch Council of Ministers and the ministers plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. "Government is by and for the people. People govern their country through a government which represents them. But if you have a government that is not accountable to the people, you get a democratic deficit. On Kingdom level there is such a deficit because the Kingdom Government is not accountable to the people," said Brooks-Salmon.

Brooks-Salmon explained that the committee will be looking at ways to eliminate the democratic deficit, possibly within the Charter. The Charter might have to be revised to facilitate this. If the democratic deficit can't be eliminated via the Charter, it should at least be acknowledged that there is a deficit, said Brooks-Salmon.

The committee will come with recommendations how to go about addressing the democratic deficit. "We will not reinvent the wheel. There were already two committees who looked at this," said Brooks-Salmon, promising that the report will be 'workable' and 'applicable.'

Brooks-Salmon plans to have the document ready by the next meeting of the three parliaments in the Kingdom. The parliamentary consultation of the Kingdom, abbreviated to POK, was originally scheduled for June 2009. It is not sure whether that meeting will go ahead, since some members of the Second Chamber are not very keen on holding a POK meeting in June considering the tension during the last meeting in Aruba in January 2009.

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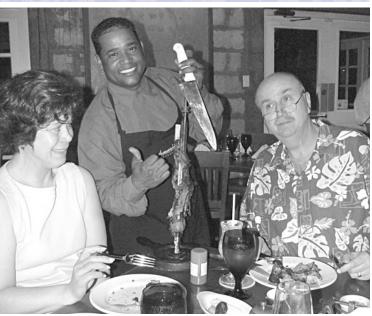
PALM BEACH – Patrons enjoying dinner at Amazonia Churrascaria have just one thing in common, a healthy appetite. Johnny Butt, with his kids Pierre and Louis, staying

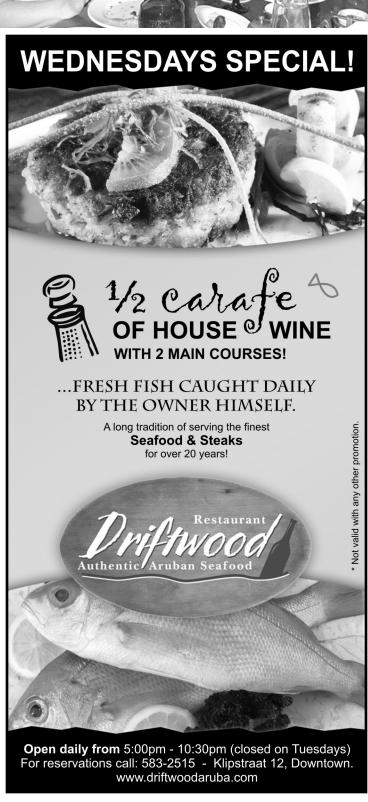
at the Marriott Aruba Resort, first-timers on the island, savored the parade of carvers and Pierre gave the grill master in the open exhibition kitchen, "Five Thumbs Up."

Members of Chief Industries, from Nebraska, an incentive group staying at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, found their way across the street and settled at Amazonia Churrascaria for a sumptuous, leisurely dinner. The group, 230 strong, builds metal buildings all over the USA and most of them are firsttimers on Aruba. The Larson, staying at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, also first timers here, from Buffalo NY, simply loooove Aruba, they have been to a lot of islands in the Caribbean but this is the best, they say, and they are coming back and they will recommend and the food at Amazonia Churrascaria they gush, is amazing, rivaled only by the gracious service!













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# Visitors honored at Aruba Beach Club











ORANJESTAD - Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Ronna and Dr. Bernard Telsey, Eugene & Susan Simson, Robert & Mary Clearly and John & Ronnie Keltz as Goodwill Ambassadors of the island of Aruba for visiting the island for more than 20 consecutive years. Kenneth & Linda HousmandandRandy&Nancy Harbour were recognized as Distinguished Guests of the island for visiting Aruba for 10 consecutive years.

Mr. Francis Jacobs of the PR Department of the Aruba Tourism Authority awarded plaques and certificates to Aruba's guests on behalf of







the Government of Aruba. Mrs. Izaira Pirela of the Activities Department of the Aruba Beach Club was also present during the official

ceremonies. Assisting Jacobs with the ceremony was Carlos Terranova who is currently an intern at the Aruba Tourism Authority.





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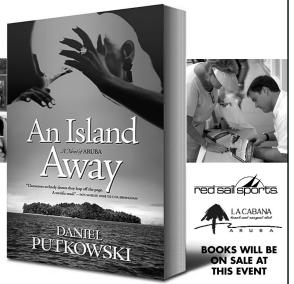




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# Michael & Marianne Reder honored at Aruba Divi Village



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honored Michael Marianne Reder as Goodwill

Ambassadors of the island of Aruba for visiting the island for more than 20 consecutive years. Mr. Francis Jacobs of the PR Department of the Aruba Tourism Authority awarded plaques and certificates to Aruba's guests on behalf of the Government of Aruba. The Reders commented that they continue to return to Aruba for the climate, the friendly people, the beautiful beaches and fabulous restaurants. Divi Village General Manager Gerrit Grifith and Activities Coordinator Gloria Defoe were also present during the official ceremonies.







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# LOCAL A7 Wednesday, March 4, 2009 M effort to safeguard 'Atlantic World' heritage

AMSTERDAM--The Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies KITLV, the Dutch National Archives and Heritage Netherlands (Erfgoed Nederland) on Friday signed a cooperation agreement in Amsterdam.

Jointly the organisations want to protect the cultural heritage of Atlantic countries dominated by the Netherlands in colonial time through the project the 'Atlantic World and the Dutch' (AWAD) 1500 to 2000. AWAD is a project that strives to preserve five centuries of mutual history and cultural heritage between the Netherlands and the (former) Dutch territories overseas. Until now KITLV mostly carried the AWAD project. Dutch National Archives and Heritage Netherlands are now joining in to safeguard AWAD's existence. AWAD's ambition is to continue acting as a platform and to develop new multilateral and inter-disciplinary cooperation in the area of joint cultural heritage in the Atlantic area.

The three organisations want to "deepen" and "broaden" the current project, explained Chairman Eddy Campbell of the National Institute for Dutch slavery history and heritage NiNsee. NiNsee was the host of Friday's annual event to commemorate Atlantic Day.

Friday's signing heralded the start of a new phase whereby the first phase of AWAD, launched in 2003, was closed off and a next phase would start. "It is an important moment. The phase of pioneering has ended. Now we start a phase of maturity," said Campbell. AWAD has been subsidised in the past by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. With the new cooperation agreement, AWAD hopes to get more funding to initiate new projects, said Gert Oostindie, Director of KITLV, who is also professor of Caribbean Studies at the University of Leiden. "If we want to continue, we will have to broaden our basis and lobby together," said Oostindie.

Oostindie explained that the main reason for starting AWAD was the fact that the Dutch in colonial times mostly focused more on the overseas territories in the "East", mainly on what is now Indonesia, and not so much on the territories in the "West". "There are archives, buildings, stories. We asked ourselves what we could do to preserve these sources for future generations," said Oostindie. Cooperation is important in preserving heritage, especially since this heritage is mutual, said Martin Berendsen of the Dutch National

Archives. He said the Dutch had left "deep tracks", positive and negative tracks, in many parts of the world during the times of the West Indian Company and the East Indian Company. The Atlantic parts where the Dutch in colonial times had established a significant presence were Netherlands Antilles, Aruba, Suriname, Guyana, Brazil, Ghana and Manhattan in New York. Workshops were held in 2006

in all these countries. Heritage, culture and history experts attended these workshops which served to draw up inventories of current activities, expertise, collections, preservation and restoration. A workshop was also held in the Netherlands and in November 2006 the AWAD international conference took place in Amsterdam.

Several presentations were given during Friday's event in

Amsterdamaboutprojects relating to the relation of Netherlands with the Atlantic countries. One of those projects is an exhibition about children and slavery opens at NiNsee later this month.

The exhibition "Chained child" (Kind aan de Ketting in Dutch) tells the story of child slaves of then and now. The West Indian Company has transported about 100,000 children from Africa to the "West". The majority of these children did domestic work at the plantation homes of the white owners. Today, there are millions of slave children in the world, mostly in Asia and Africa, but also in the Caribbean, more specifically in Haiti. According to official figures, there are some 12.3 million people currently living in slavery, the vast majority being women and children. But unofficial figures put the number at 23 million.





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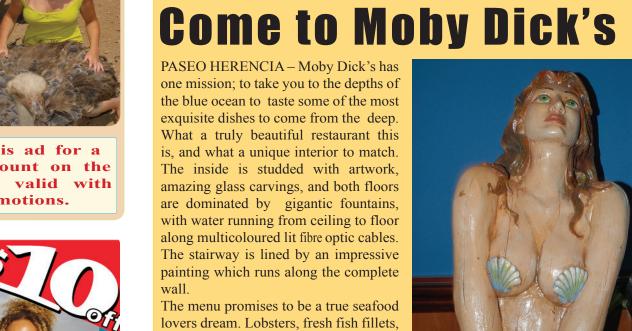


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# **Segafredo at South Beach Centre**

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### **ARUBA**

# Hard Rock Cafe is "over the top" for fun, food and reviving great memories

The official opening of songs and videos in their play **Hard Rock Cafe Aruba** in list, enveloping patrons in January had all the glitz and glamour of any Hollywood carpet event, and the newest addition to this world famous brand of casual eateries is an entertaining journey through musical history, as well as offering a guaranteed great meal at a very reasonable price. Music is so much a part of our lives, often interwoven with the landmark moments; the first kiss, a marriage proposal, the first dance as

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# Aruba's Flavour



where he came to dine on a

Not to be outdone, other great Dozens of bits of memorabilia names such as The Who followed his example; eventually leading to the assortment of music memorabilia that includes anything from a lock of hair to a five-ton psychedelic bus.

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# "Aruhiba" Aruba's homemade cigar



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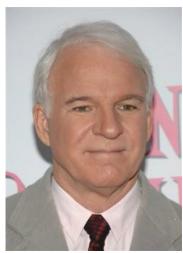


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# PEOPLE & ARTS A11 Wednesday, March 4, 2009

# No Joke: Steve Martin releases first musical CD



In this Feb. 3, 2009 file photo, Steve Martin arrives at the premiere of 'The Pink Panther 2' at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, file)

## By JOHN GEROME,

### **AP Entertainment Writer**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Steve Martin has packed so much into his 63 years that it almost seems easier to mention what he hasn't done instead of what he has.

A comedian, actor, playwright, author, musician, art collector, juggler and magician, Martin's latest feat is "The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo," his first full album of music.

The disc is no joke. Martin wrote or co-wrote all 15 tracks, only one of which is overtly comedic.

A banjo picker since he was 17, he's good enough to hold his own with masters like Earl Scruggs and Tony Trischka, both of whom are guests on the album along with Dolly Parton, Vince Gill and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's John McEuen, a high school friend of his who also produced the record.

"I don't know if people know I play. Only if they were around in the '70s," Martin said recently by phone. "I really haven't played publicly for a long time.

"I started thinking, standing back from my banjo career and looking at it, it is weird. What if David Letterman picked up the violin and played like (bluegrass fiddler) Paul Warren. I think that would be a surprise."

Although Martin has a reputation as a tough interview, on this afternoon he's cordial and reflective. The one thing the superstar comedian is not is funny. He hardly cracks a joke. "You can't be up all the time. It would be very boring for people," says Martin.

His interest in the banjo began in the '60s after hearing Flatt & Scruggs' seminal "Foggy Mountain Breakdown."

He mostly taught himself to play from books and records (he'd slow the turntable way down to learn the parts). Later, while honing his comedy act in Los Angeles clubs like the Troubadour, he was inspired by the progressive bluegrass band the Dillards.

"It seemed impossible, but I just loved the sound of it," recalls the Texas born, California raised-Martin.

While he never seriously considered a career in music — "I didn't have enough confidence to play in a group on a stage," he says — Martin did work the instrument into his stand-up bits like "Ramblin' Man," a parody of group singalongs (check out YouTube to see him perform it on "The Muppets").

He also started writing songs,

some of which wound up on his 1970s comedy albums. "I just wrote them for the heck of it," he says.

A couple of years ago, Trischka asked him to perform one of his compositions, "The Crow," on Trischka's album, "Double Banjo Bluegrass Spectacular."

The experience led to a revelation: "I realized I had enough tunes to do a solo album," and he was off, using "The Crow" as the title track.

Most of the cuts are instrumentals, but Parton and Gill sing a duet on the country lilt "Pretty Flowers" and Martin sings the whimsical "Late for School." Some of the songs date back to the late '60s.

Released Jan. 27 as a threemonth exclusive through Amazon.com, the record has received much better reviews than Martin's latest movie, "Pink Panther 2," panned by critics. Martin seems pleased: "I'm used to bad review for movies because people like to attack them, but I'd be sad if the reviews were bad for this album."

Indeed, as he discussed the CD, which will be released to other retailers later in the spring, he was relaxed and revealing. His answers became more clipped when asked about his career or his personal life (At one point, he asked warily whether the article would be about his music).

"It's fresh to me," he said about his music. "When you talk about movies you're really talking about promotion. I think the interviewer is bored, and I'm bored because it's the same old questions.

I think it's lost interest for the audience, too. They're not that interested in the back story of how a movie got made."

McEuen, whose Nitty Gritty

Dirt Band provided the music to Martin's late '70s routine "King Tut," had this to say of his friend: "The movie business is his business. This is his passion."

"In all the years I've known Steve, I don't recall him acting this excited about anything," added McEuen, who said Martin e-mailed him an hour after the album was available on Amazon.com — at 1 a.m. — to tell him it was at No. 190. "He really has three things in life that he loves: his wife, his banjo and his dog."

Martin said he might put together a band and do a few concerts to support "The Crow," but he doesn't plan a full-blown tour

He's got too much going on for that.

"I've exploited every possible facet of my abilities. Now I just want to continue doing what I'm doing," he said.

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# Oil rises nearly 4 percent on OPEC, stock bounce



In this July 14, 2008 file photo, an oil tanker makes its way up the Houston Ship channel behind working pump jacks in Baytown, Texas. Less than a year after fears of an energy shortage drove crude prices to record highs, the world is awash in oil. Producers, traders and brokers are struggling with a new reality: The world suddenly wants less of it, not more.

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### By Matthew Robinson

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Oil prices rose nearly 4 percent on Tuesday on expectations producer group OPEC will cut output again and as stock markets traded higher.

U.S. crude settled at \$41.65 a barrel, up \$1.50 or 3.74 percent. London Brent crude rose \$1.46 to \$43.70 a barrel.

Slumping demand due to the global recession has sent crude prices off highs above \$147 a barrel in July, prompting the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to agree to a series of deep production cuts

Some OPEC members are calling for another reduction when the cartel meets this month.

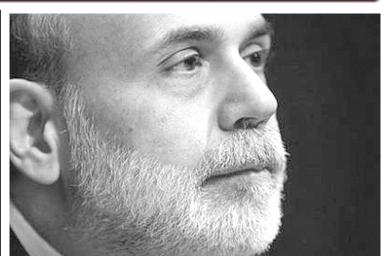
"The crude oil market is being buffeted on the one hand by the global economic worries and what OPEC might do at its meeting on March 15," said Andy Lebow, a broker at MF Global in New York.

Crude prices dropped 10 percent on Monday as more grim economic news battered global equity markets. U.S. stocks bounced up in the afternoon from 12-year lows, which had ignited a search for beaten-down shares.

"The market's consolidating after yesterday's sharp drop. (The) Stock market is doing same," said Tom Bentz, analyst at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures Inc in New York.

### OPEC CUTS

Libya's top OPEC official, Shokri Ghanem, said markets were still oversupplied and the exporter group needed to reduce output, either through better compliance with existing supply curbs or a new cutback



Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, seen here testifying on Capitol Hill, said Tuesday he sees no "zombie" banks among the major American financial institutions, arguing those in business are "active" and "viable.

"(AFP/Getty Images/Alex Wong)

# Bernanke says no 'zombie banks' in US

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said Tuesday he sees no "zombie" banks among the major American financial institutions, arguing those in business are "active" and "viable."

Appearing in a Senate hearing, Bernanke disputed the notion that some major banks are being propped up artificially with no hope of survival, as was done in the 1990s in Japan.

"I don't think that any major US bank is currently a zombie institution," he said. "They're all lending. They're all active. And they're all viable."

He said the term "zombie institution" was used during the Japanese crisis "where there were banks that essentially kept their bankrupt customers on life support for long periods, didn't insist on repayment or restructuring, were not making new loans, were not doing anything to make themselves healthy or to raise new capital or to restructure themselves."

Asked about insurance giant AIG, which received a revamped government bailout this week, Bernanke declined to categorize that as a "zombie institution."

"I don't know of any large zombie institutions in the US financial system," he said.

"And our deal with AIG is in fact to allow it to stabilize and to become profitable enough to repay the obligations it has to the United States."

Asked by one lawmaker if the US was repeating the Japanese mistakes, Bernanke said: "The Japanese mistake was not acting quickly enough or aggressively enough, and I think that's not our problem."



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# HEALTH A13 Wednesday, March 4, 2009

### By: Dr. Carlos Viana

President John F. Kennedy in a speech given at the dinner before the America's Cup Races of 1962 said "All of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea -- whether it is to sail or to watch it -- we are going back from whence we came." Wise words and physiologically correct.

Salt is the spark plug of our metabolic system. Although, medical researchers have associated eating an excess of salt with high blood pressure, not having enough salt has its own set of health problems. Salt is essential for the prevention of muscle cramps and the twentyseven percent of the body's salt which is in the bones is absolutely vital to making the structure of bones firm. Osteoporosis, in a major way, is a result of salt and water shortage in the body. Vital for maintaining sexuality and libido, salt also helps prevent varicose and spider veins.

Hyponatremia is a lack of sodium in the blood caused by excessive sweating, persistent diarrhea, overuse of diuretic drugs, or too drastic a salt free diet. The symptoms generally mirror those of dehydration which include apathy, confusion, nausea, and fatigue. Test subjects in clinical studies on salt and blood pressure consume standard table salt. Additionally, researchers did

# **Blood, Salt and Tears**

not adjust for characteristics that might have predisposed subjects to hypertension, including high rates of alcohol consumption, high body mass index, very low potassium excretion, and dehydration. Unrefined sea salt is a much healthier choice than common table salt. Natural sea salt contains about 80 mineral elements that the body needs.

Because high blood pressure rarely has any symptoms, the only way to know if you are at risk it is to have it measured. I recommend that everyone have their blood pressure taken while lying down in a stress-free environment. Blood pressure values can be pushed higher by pain, anxiety, including the stress of visiting the doctor, sometimes called the white coat syndrome, or some medications.

Blood pressure (BP) comes in two numbers. There is a high and low number usually written as a high/low. The high number represents the systolic BP and is the pressure of the heart pumping your blood. The low number represents the diastolic BP and is the pressure your blood pushes against on the walls of your arteries when your heart is not pumping or is at "rest." Normal blood pressure should range between 100/70 to 120/80. If your BP is higher than these numbers, you have a greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease, problems with your heart and or arteries. We describe your risk as moderate if you pressure is around 140/100. Severe risk is 160/115, or more and a physician should be consulted immediately. Everybody should be aware of hypertension and vascular disease which are heart and circulatory problems. The higher your blood pressure, the greater your risk of stroke, heart attack and heart failure. Hypotension or low blood pressure can result in loss of consciousness. Allopathic medicine commonly treats blood pressure problems with pharmaceuticals. Several medical studies have monitored people taking blood pressure lowering drugs, typically diuretics and beta-blockers. The conclusion of these studies is that people suffer from many unnecessary side effects, among them impotence and an increased risk for hearth disease, just what you are trying to avoid. Additionally, some people have an imbalance where the body does not excrete sodium. For these individuals, diuretics can actually make the problem worse by also lowering potassium levels. The World Health Organization has listed hypertension, or high blood pressure, as one of the conditions treated effectively by acupuncture. In many cases high blood pressure can be brought under control through changes in diet and lifestyle. Lifestyle factors may include lack of exercise, and smoking. Attaining ideal body weight is perhaps the single most important recommendation we can make to lower BP.

problems Dietary include the modern diet of lowfiber, high sugar, high saturated fat and insufficient intake of magnesium, vitamin C and essential fatty acids. Specific dietary factors include high sodium to potassium ratio. Natural sea salt, not the highly processed table salt readily available, will not harm you if your intake of potassium and water is balanced. Fresh fruit is a good source of potassium. Drinking enough clean water is critical for nearly every bodily function. Dietary supplements can also provide support, but it's a good idea to check your personal needs with a certified clinical nutritionist

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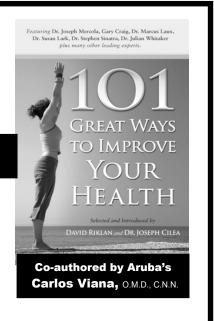
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# Thawing out 'Cold War II'

By the Monitor's Editorial Board

Trust, but verify, was Ronald Reagan's approach to the Soviets as they worked on arms control during the cold war. The phrase showed his hopes for the relationship, but also acknowledged the limitations. Four presidents later, his mantra still applies – even as Washington seeks a fresh start with Moscow this week.

When Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov meets with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Geneva on Friday, they will begin talks while at the lowest point in US-Russian relations since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. No question, it's time to "press the reset button," as Vice President Biden said at a security conference in Munich last

Russia, under Vladimir Putin, shares most of the blame for this low point. The Kremlin has cracked down on political and civil freedoms at home and waged war - both economic and military - in its "near abroad." It has demagogued, turning Russians against the West.

But the US and its allies are not without fault. Their mistake was not in their principles, but in their PR - expanding NATO and the European Union in a way and at a speed that alarmed Russia, putting Moscow on the defensive and, more recently, offensive. Russians also didn't take well to lecturing on democracy and capitalism.

"Cold War II" has produced serious fallout. Threats of common concern - a nuclear Iran, a Taliban comeback, energy insecurity, loose nukes and other weapons issues have suffered from lack of attention, even obstruction.

Several factors can help improve ties, which Moscow says it wants.

One is willingness on both sides for a new round of nuclear arms negotiations, which will be the main subject of Friday's talks. This is a manageable topic that also reaffirms Russia as a superpower. In the past, the step-by-step process of such talks helped build trust that also led to progress in human rights. Another factor is a change in US tone. In Mr. Biden's Munich rollout of a new foreign policy, his commitment to "listen [and] consult" met a warm response from European allies and Moscow alike. Willingness to rethink an anti-Iranian missile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic – an acute irritant to Russia – should also help.

And an economic crisis just might change Moscow's tone, introducing a new humility.

In Washington, some go so far as to suggest deepening US commercial ties with Russia as a way to slowly build a partnership.

# **Why The Hell Was Secret White House Helicopter Data Found On** A Computer In Iran?

Stuart Whatley

It is a case of perverse but predictable irony that the first administration to truly harness the Internet's full power likewise faces the greatest threat from it. Nothing underscores this reality more acutely than a report this week that confidential mechanical data regarding the VH-60 presidential helicopter were found on a computer in Iran.

But then again, the new administration is perhaps fortunate to be furnished with such a thudding wakeup call as it leads the nation further into the Information Age -- the biggest mistake now would be to respond by hitting the Snooze button.

The leak, according to Reuters, was discovered by a peer-to-peer file sharing monitor company, Tiversa, based in Pennsylvania. Tiversa spokesman Keith Tagliaferri did not divulge the name of the defense contractor whence the files were leaked nor the Iranian computer wherein they were discovered, but he assured interested parties that the necessary government bodies had been notified.

One of the most discomfiting elements of this incident is that, according to Tagliaferri, the leak was most likely unintentional -- resulting from the data being stored on a personal computer, wherein it was compromised by music, movie, or any other number of file sharing conduits. Thus, rather than being some isolated, vile act of treason, the problem arose from an unforeseen systemic failure.

Now under investigation, it is safe to presume that this specific incident has been nipped in the bud. However, the larger implications of such an egregious slip will not be so ephemeral. Paralleling what we recently saw in the financial sector with 'exotic instruments' (of the derivative and credit default swap ilk), information-sharing technologies and practices may be outpacing the necessary regulatory safeguards that should accompany them. Elevate this to the level of national security, and it becomes an exigent prerogative -- a prompt and honest appraisal, followed by respective overhauling of the nation's cybersecurity infrastructure is in order.

Fortunately, proposals for how to do this are already on the table; most notably is a report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies Commission on Cybersecurity that was published towards the end of last year as a resource for the new administration. According to the CSIS report, cybersecurity breaches now pose one of the most significant threats to national security -- militarily and, even more

so, economically: "The immediate risk lies with the economy. Most companies' business plans involve the use of cyberspace to deliver services, manage supply chains, or interact with customers. Equally important, intellectual property is now stored in digital form, easily accessible to rivals. Weak cybersecurity dilutes our investment in innovation while subsidizing research and development efforts of foreign competitors."

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Yet for years after September 11, 2001, terrorism was unequivocally considered the number one threat to America and to suggest otherwise was blasphemous. Only more recently did national intelligence director Dennis Blair semiofficially reposition the established stance (though it is more just an obvious fact now) when he appeared before Congress and declared the global economic crisis the new primus inter pares. Given the strife and instability already spurred by the economic meltdown, few are likely to dispute Blair's position.

But of course, everything is interconnected. Economic troubles could very well exacerbate terrorism, for example, as middle class youth in fragile regions slip back into depravity, grow disillusioned, and find solace in radical ideologies. And while economic woes may contribute to terrorism and regional strife, cybersecurity underlies both. In a world where everything is digitized, information is power.

The Mumbai terrorists last November stretched their destructive effectiveness exponentially by tapping into salient information that gave them the upper hand -- be it through Google Maps, live news feeds or ordinary cell phones. Similarly, the 9/11 attackers had been to flight school to learn how to navigate and read flight plans. If such destruction can be rendered with basic information, it would be almost masochistic even to ponder what high-security breaches could mean -- except that that is now precisely what we should be doing to afford this issue the proper gravitas.

President Obama has demonstrated the symbolic importance and practical wisdom of expressly prioritizing his administration's primary goals; such as with health care reform where he has created the new White House Office of Health Reform ex nihilo to guarantee full and adequate attention to the issue. The view of many within the national security community is that he should do the same with cybersecurity, by creating an executive level office to address the growing threats and responsive defense measures head on. Indeed, that seems like a reasonable start.



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# **US officials: Warrant out in Chandra Levy killing**

By BRIAN WESTLEY

**Associated Press Writers** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for an imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant in the killing of U.S. government intern Chandra Levy, nearly eight years after the case captivated the U.S. capital and ended the career of a congressman.

The warrant accuses Ingmar Guandique of killing Levy on May 1, 2001, as she walked her dog through Washington's Rock Creek Park, said U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Taylor Guandique, 27, is already serving time in a prison in California for attacking two women in the same park.

"We take solace in the fact that the search for the person responsible has ended and our daughter can finally truly rest in peace," Levy's parents, Bob and Susan Levy, said in a statement given to The Associated Press. "Thankfully the individual responsible for this most heinous and terrible crime will finally be held accountable for his actions and hopefully unable to hurt anyone else ever again."

The warrant is the latest development in an investigation that had gone cold for years after destroying the career of former U.S. Rep. Gary Condit of California. Authorities questioned Condit, her congressman, in the disappearance, but he was never a suspect in her death. Condit, a popular Democrat for dozens of years in his district, was reportedly having an affair with Levy, and the negative publicity from the case was cited as the main reason for his overwhelming primary election loss in 2002.

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District of Columbia Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier, left, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Taylor, and Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, make an announcement about developments in the Chandra Levy case in Washington, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Associated Press

# Pakistan: Gunmen in rickshaws attack national cricket team



Two gunmen near a vehicle, background, in Lahore, Pakistan Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in this image taken from a television. A dozen masked gunmen armed with rifles and rocket launchers attacked a vehicle carrying members of Sri Lanka's national cricket team Tuesday, wounding at least two players and killing five police officers, officials said.

Associated Press

### By RIZWAN ALI and CHRIS BRUMMITT Associated Press Writer

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — A team of heavily armed gunmen ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team as it arrived for a match, killing six police guards and wounding seven players. The brazen attack heightened fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

The assault Tuesday bore striking similarities to last year's three-day hostage drama in the Indian financial capital of Mumbai. Working in pairs, the attackers in Lahore carried walkie-talkies and backpacks stuffed with water, dried fruit and other high-energy food — a sign they anticipated a protracted siege and may have been planning to take the players hostage.

The bus sped through the ambush, but the gunmen's preparations indicated they may been planning to hijack the vehicle, Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik told The Associated Press. None of the gunmen were killed and all apparently escaped into this teeming eastern city.



President Barack Obama meets with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Associated Press

# Obama suggests buying stocks, defends econ plan

### By TOM RAUM Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Trying to pump up the nation's confidence, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that Wall Street has been hammered so hard that "buying stocks is a potentially good deal," and he dispatched top aides to Capitol

Hill to defend his plans for pulling the economy out of its deep recession.

The stock market slipped ever lower, and Republicans suggested Obama was "cooking the books" in rosy recovery predictions.

After being accused for weeks of being too negative about

the economy, Obama recently has shifted to a more positive tone. He and his aides still say recovery won't come quickly, but they are becoming more aggressive in declaring that the government's efforts will work.

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They better work, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said. The country faces "a prolonged episode of economic stagnation" without bold policy moves, he told the Senate Banking Committee.

Separately, the Fed announced a long-awaited program to spur lending for autos, education, credit cards and other consumer loans by providing up to \$200 billion in financing to investors to buy up the debt. If the program succeeds, it should help break economy-crippling credit clogs and make it easier for Americans to finance purchases large and small at lower rates, Bernanke said.

"What the economy requires, what the American people demand is that we move as aggressively as we can to get growth back on track," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "I'm confident this is the right path for the country."

Republicans were not so sure, accusing the new administration of raising taxes during a recession — on many ordinary Americans as well as on the wealthy.

Underscoring the economy's weakness, Detroit's Big Three automakers reported huge U.S. sales declines for February from a year earlier — 53 percent for General Motors Corp., 48 percent for Ford Motor Co. and 44 percent for Chrysler LLC.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials lost 37 points, but stocks have been falling so fast — 300 points on Monday alone — that the new decline seemed quite modest.

Obama's plan envisions a deficit of \$1.7 trillion this year followed by several more years of trillion-dollar shortfalls.

"The new administration

has inherited an economic crisis unlike any we have seen in our lifetimes," White House Budget Director Peter Orszag told the House Budget Committee.

The administration acknowledges that its energy proposal would increase costs for consumers but argues that the vast majority of people will get tax breaks elsewhere in Obama's budget package.

"Now, if people don't change how they use energy, then they will face higher costs for energy," Geithner acknowledged.

Obama, meanwhile, was asked about the stock market's swoon in recent days to levels not seen since 1997.

"What I'm looking for is not the day-to-day gyrations of the stock market, but the long-term ability for the United States and the entire world economy to regain its footing," Obama said after meeting in the Oval Office with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"You know, it bobs up and down," he said, comparing stock market movements to daily tracking polls during political campaigns. "The banking system has been dealt a heavy blow," he added. "There are a lot of losses that are working their way through the system. And it's not surprising that the market is hurting as a consequence." Sounding ever more like an analyst, he said that "profit and earning ratios are starting to get to the point where buying stocks is a potentially good deal if you've got a long-term perspective on it."

The president predicted a recovery "but it's not going to happen overnight."

He got a boost from Bernanke, who was appointed to the top Fed job in 2006 by President George W. Bush. Bernanke said Obama's recently enacted \$787 billion stimulus package of increased federal spending and tax cuts should help revive consumer spending, boost factory production and "mitigate the overall loss of employment and income that would otherwise occur."

Bernanke testified that an economic recovery depends on the government's ability to stabilize weak financial markets.

Geithner and Orszag were grilled by Republicans on the tax portion of the budget.

In particular, GOP lawmakers complained about a section that would require polluters to purchase permits from the government for their greenhouse gas emissions, suggesting it would essentially impose huge new energy costs on all consumers and businesses. They also criticized a section limiting the charitable deductions that households earning over \$250,000 a year can claim, saying it would burden charities.

"The president's budget increases taxes on every American, and does so during a recession," Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., told Geithner.

Geithner said the budget reflects what Obama views as "a deep moral imperative to



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Associated Press

make our society more just. But it's very good economic policy, too. It will mean there is again a fairer, more equitably shared tax burden on the vast majority of Americans."

Higher taxes for affluent Americans would not come until 2011 once "we are safely into recovery," Geithner said. some lawmakers challengedtheadministration's predictions for such a speedy recovery. The budget forecasts that the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, would shrink by just 1.2 percent this year and then snap back and grow by a solid 3.2 percent in 2010, followed by several years over 4 percent. more optimistic

That's more optimistic than most private forecasts, and comes despite a new government report showing the economy contracted by 6.2 percent in late 2008, far more than the 3.2 percent drop first reported.

"It looks like somebody's cooking the books," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, told Geithner.

The Obama plan "does predict a somewhat more rapid recovery" than other forecasts, Geithner acknowledged. But, he added, "I believe this is a realistic forecast."

Questioning was pretty much along party lines. Democrats for the most part praised Obama's proposal.

"It is making the tax code more fair," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., told Geithner.

Obama's budget faces a difficult path through Congress because of its many controversial proposals on health care, taxes and global warming.

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# mocrats reach deal on mortgage rel



A foreclosure sign blows in the wind in front of a home under foreclosure in Antioch, Calif., Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. A real estate group said Wednesday, sales of existing homes took an unexpected plunge from December to January, falling to the lowest level in nearly 12 years as buyers waited for the government to boost the U.S housing market.

### By JULIE HIRSCHFELD **DAVIS and JIM KUHNHENN Associated Press Writers**

WASHINGTON - House Democrats, under pressure from a group of moderates in their ranks and the banking lobby, agreed Tuesday to narrow legislation that gives bankruptcy judges the power to force lenders to rewrite mortgages for debt-strapped homeowners. The compromise legislation was expected to come to a vote in the House as early as Thursday.

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Under the terms of the agreement, judges would have to consider whether a homeowner had been offered a reasonable deal by the bank to rework his or her home loan before deciding whether to take judicial action to lower the interest rate or principal.

Borrowers also would have a responsibility to prove that they tried to modify their mortgages with their lenders before seeking help in bankruptcy court.

"If there is modification

available, you would prefer that than a bankruptcy," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., one of the centrist negotiators on the bill.

Democrats said the goal was to make bankruptcy clearly a last resort for homeowners in danger of losing their homes.

"The concern is that we want to ensure that those people who get relief have tried other avenues," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.,

Mortgage lenders who mounted a costly and successful effort last year to kill the measure, which they call the "cramdown," have been lobbying intensely to restrict the bill. They argued that mortgage adjustments made in bankruptcy would raise mortgage interest rates for all consumers and create a wave of bankruptcy claims.

Their opposition helped derail the //last week, even after leading Democrats had agreed to restrict it to people who had tried other means of reworking their mortgages and those who couldn't afford their home loans

The industry has "been giving it everything they've got," said Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., an

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architect of the legislation. "They still have remarkable influence."

Still, Miller and some other backers of the idea said they support the new plan.

"It would encourage lenders to make modifications and there would be consequences if they don't do it," Miller said.

Democrats discussed compromise in a closed meeting Tuesday with Housing Secretary Shaun Donovan, who told them the legislation would dovetail with the administration's overall efforts to reduce foreclosures. Obama unveiled a \$75 billion housing initiative two weeks ago that included a call for legislation to permit adjustments to in bankruptcy mortgages court.

Following the session, Lofgren and two other moderate Democrats — Ellen Tauscher Dennis Cardoza of California — circulated a letter seeking support for their compromise.

"Some may think the changes made to the bill go too far while others will contend that they do not go far enough," the "Dear Colleague" letter said. "Given the ever-deepening housing

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crisis, however, we ask you to place such differences aside - as we have done — and support this effort."

The deal would require judges to consider whether homeowners were offered a "qualified" loan workout - defined as one that would meet Obama's goal of monthly payments equal to about one-third of a homeowner's income.

agreement The includes changes whereby bankruptcy judges would have to deny a judicial mortgage adjustment in cases where the homeowner is deemed able to afford the loan.

Lawmakers in the centrist New Democrat Coalition and the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Democrats who said they were concerned about how the measure would affect people struggling to pay their mortgages worked through the weekend to cut a deal they could support.

Some liberals said the new limits were inappropriate. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said many mortgage companies make it impossible for homeowners to even complete a phone call to their lender, much less work out more affordable loan terms.

"I don't think people ought to have to go through that mess" to get mortgage relief in bankruptcy courts, Waters said.

She said the banking industry still has a stranglehold on Congress. "These guys rule this place," Waters said.





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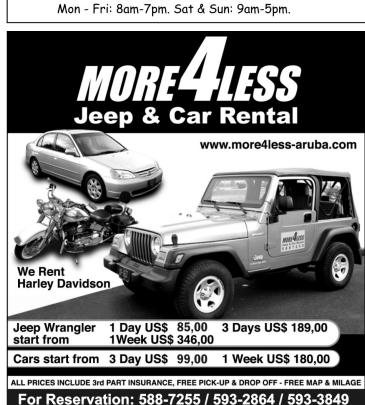
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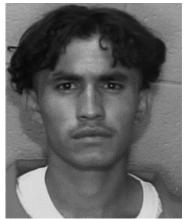


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This undated file photo released by the D.C. Department of Corrections shows Ingmar Guandique. An individual close to the investigation into the death of Chandra Levy said the warrant was issued Tuesday, March 3, 2009 for imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant Ingmar Guandique in the 2001 slaying. **Associated Press** 

### LEVY KILLING Continued from page B1

Investigators spoke with Guandique in 2001 and 2002 and administered a polygraph test that was inconclusive. During that time, they also questioned his family and friends but found no leads relating to Levy.

In a statement, Guandique's attorneys said the latest investigation was flawed.

"This flawed investigation, characterized by the many mistakes and missteps of the Metropolitan Police Department and every federal agency that has attempted to solve this case, will not end with the simple issuance of an arrest warrant against Mr. Guandique," said the attorneys, Santha Sonenberg and Maria Hawilo. "The public should not draw any conclusions based on speculation by the media and incomplete information. We look forward to trying this case before unbiased jurors who will not rush to judgment."

Levy was 24 and had just completed an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons when she disappeared in May 2001 after leaving her Washington apartment.

# ladoff agrees to give up property, art, tickets

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

**Associated Press Writer** 

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Madoff has agreed to give up the rights to his disgraced investment business and his company's prized artwork and entertainment tickets, as an official for an organization providing relief to investors said Tuesday that some checks may be in the mail this month.

The trustee overseeing the liquidation of Madoff's business said the former money manager was surrendering ownership rights to his business, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, along with the company's artwork and entertainment tickets. The trustee, Irving Picard, did not specify the value of the property or say what kinds of tickets and artwork Madoff possessed.

The ultimate goal is to put some of Madoff's remaining assets in the hands of investors who lost their life savings amid the scandal, and there are growing signs that some of them could see relief in coming weeks.

Madoff has been under house arrest at his Manhattan penthouse as the government investigates how he carried out a fraud he said totaled about \$50 billion. His court appearances in the weeks after his arrest generated huge attention amid an uproar over his release

Stephen Harbeck, president of the Securities Investor Protection Corp., told The Associated Press on Tuesday that a group of 10 investors were sent forms late last week or early this week informing them whether they were eligible to receive funds from the organization. SIPC is an industry-funded group that rescues investors when brokerage firms fail, paying them up to \$500,000 to recoup losses.

"I would hope some of them will get money very, very soon," he

Harbeck said he expected that the first checks could be mailed before April and possibly sooner and that the organization's \$500,000 cap would apply to most of Madoff's customers. Harbeck said the work of his organization was slowed because Madoff's records do not reflect what was in the accounts of investors.

Harbeck said he believes the \$50 billion fraud figure is based on a calculation of all the false profits investors would have received if the business was as successful as Madoff had claimed.

He said the organization was working to bring relief to investors as fast as possible but noted that for some, no relief can be fast enough.

"To someone who has lost money and is in dire financial straits, we understand it cannot be fast enough," he said.

Meanwhile, a hearing scheduled for Wednesday in which prosecutors were questioning whether there was a potential conflict of interest involving Madoff's lawyer, Ira Sorkin, was postponed until next week.

Prosecutors requested the hearing, saying Madoff needs to tell a judge that he is aware that Sorkin has represented some of Sorkin's family members in connection with their investment with Madoff, as well as two Madoff-linked accountants in a securities case 17 years ago.

Sorkin, who also represents Madoff's wife Ruth, said there was no conflict of interest and he would continue to represent Madoff.

While his client has been portrayed as a villain in a sour economy, Sorkin also has received more than a dozen vicious e-mails and phone calls, including two death threats that were reported to the FBI, the lawyer said.

On Monday, a judge said in court papers Madoff and his lawyers are claiming that his \$7 million Manhattan penthouse and an additional



In this Jan. 14, 2009 file photo, besieged money manager Bernard Madoff arrives at Federal Court in New York.

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\$62 million in assets can be kept from investors because they are in the name of his wife, Ruth Madoff, and are not connected to any alleged fraud.



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# J.S., other powers urge Iran to curb nuk



Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei is seen prior to the start of the IAEA's 35-nation board meeting at Vienna's International Center, Monday, March 2, 2009.

By GEORGE JAHN **Associated Press Writer** VIENNA (AP) — The U.S. to curb its nuclear program,

**Associated Press** on Tuesday joined other major world powers in urging Iran in a statement notable for its moderate language and for its commitment to diplomacy to defuse the atomic standoff.

Diplomats at the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35nation board meeting said they could not remember such a joint statement from Washington, Moscow, Beijing and the three big European powers in Vienna. The statement urged Tehran to heed U.N. Security Council demands to limit its nuclear activities and thereby reduce fears it was trying to make atomic arms.

Under the previous U.S. administration, Washington's push for harsh language condemning Iran for refusing freeze its uranium enrichment program — and its implicit threat of force if negotiations failed — was opposed by Russia and China. That doomed attempts to forge a common stance at board meetings focusing on Iran.

Tuesday's statement appeared

to reflect President Barack Obama's commitment to turn from cold-shouldering Tehran on nuclear issues and trying to reach common ground in direct talks.

While the language was softer than Washington favored in the past, it was more direct than what China had been previously willing to endorse. That appeared to reflect an apparent readiness by Beijing to shift its stance in response America's newfound willingness embrace to moderation in dealing with Tehran.

The six-paragraph statement urged Iran "to implement the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council" — without threatening further sanctions if it does not, as the U.S. had done at past board meetings.

statement echoed IAEA concerns about Iran's stonewalling of agency efforts to probe allegations that it at least had drafted plans for

nuclear weapons in the past. The statement urged Iran to cooperate in the investigation and came down squarely on the side of negotiations to solve the impasse.

"We remain firmly committed to a comprehensive diplomatic solution, including through direct dialogue," said the statement, also signed by Germany, Britain and France, and read by French representative Olivier Caron. He urged Tehran "to take this opportunity for engagement with us and thereby maximize opportunities for a negotiated way forward.

Harsher language was left to the European Union which expressed "grave concern" at Iran's defiance of the Security Council

"We deeply regret continued lack of cooperation by Iran" with the IAEA probe of its past activities, said the EU statement.

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# **Attack destroys Athens** subway train carriages

Greece Masked arsonists forced passengers off an Athens subway train and then set it alight, police said Tuesday. Several carriages of two trains were destroyed, but nobody was injured.

The attack occurred at a subway station that is above ground in the northern suburb of Kifissia shortly after 1 a.m. (6 p.m. EST).

Police said a group of people wearing carnival masks forced the handful of passengers on one train to leave, and then doused the carriages with gasoline before using Molotov cocktails to set them alight. They also attacked a second, empty train.

Thirty firefighters with 10 fire trucks eventually extinguished the blaze, but the attack destroyed six carriages on one train and damaged three on the second train, authorities said. A small anarchist group claimed responsibility for the firebombing late Tuesday



A worker looks at burned carriages at Kifissia subway station in northern Athens on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Masked arsonists forced passengers off an Athens subway train and then set it alight, police said Tuesday. Several carriages of two trains were destroyed, but nobody was injured. Police said a group of people wearing carnival masks forced the handful of passengers on one train to leave, and then doused the carriages with gasoline before using Molotov cocktails to set them alight.

Associated Press

in a statement posted on the carried out by anarchist Internet

Small-scale arson attacks are common in Greece, although they usually target symbols of state authority, banks, car dealerships and the offices and vehicles of foreign companies or diplomats. They are usually

groups, and arrests are rare. The frequency and severity of such attacks has risen in the past few months, following the extensive riots that hit Greece in December, sparked

by the fatal police shooting of a teenager.



# Cologne building collapses; 3 missing, many escape

By DANIELA PEGNA Associated Press Writer

COLOGNE, Germany (AP)
— Cologne's six-story city archive building groaned then collapsed in a pile of rubble Tuesday as people inside fled in panic. All managed to escape safely but police said three people were feared missing in other damaged

buildings nearby.

The archive building collapsed about 2 p.m., ripping open and dragging down parts of two adjacent buildings that contained apartments and an amusement arcade. A huge cloud of dust enveloped the site.

Parents at a nearby fast-food outlet grabbed their children

and ran for their cars. "I heard a giant bang and then suddenly saw this giant gray dust cloud," said Mustafa Goresme, 18, who watched from the restaurant. "It was like a Hollywood film."

"Everyone was in a real panie," said his friend, Mehmet Guerner. "We didn't know what had happened."

**PAKISTAN** 

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Even though the bus was peppered with 25 bullet holes, none of the cricket players were killed. The attack was among the highest-profile terrorist strikes on a sports team since the 1972 Munich Olympics, when Palestinian militants killed 11 Israeli athletes.

In addition, by targeting not only a major Pakistani city but also the country's most popular sport, the attack was sure to resonate throughout the region, where cricket has been an obsession since it was introduced by the British during the colonial era.

In targeting the sport, the gunmen were certain to draw international attention to the government's inability to provide basic security as it battles militants linked to al-Qaida and the Taliban and faces accusations that it is harboring terrorists. The attack ended Pakistan's hopes of hosting international cricket teams—or any high profile sports events—for months, if not years. Even before Tuesday, most cricket squads chose not to tour the country for security reasons. India and Australia had canceled tours, and New Zealand announced Tuesday it was calling off its December tour.

Besides the six police officers, a driver of a vehicle in the convoy was also killed, officials said. Seven Sri Lankan players, a Pakistani umpire and a coach from Britain were wounded, none with life-threatening injuries.

Malik did not speculate on the identity of the attackers, but said Pakistan was "in a state of war" and vowed to "flush out all these terrorists from this country."

Pakistan has a web of Islamist militant networks, some with links to al-Qaida and the Taliban, which have staged other high-profile strikes in a bid to destabilize the government and punish it for its support of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan.

The convoy transporting the Sri Lankan team and cricket officials was surrounded by police vehicles at the front, rear and side, but traveled the same route each day of the five-day test match against Pakistan's national team, according to Malik. The attack occurred on the third day of play just before 9 a.m.

The assailants struck at a traffic circle about 300 yards (meters) from the Gaddafi Stadium in downtown Lahore, firing at least one grenade and a rocket as well as repeated automatic weapon rounds from a white car, before other gunmen attacked from three other locations, witnesses and officials said.

Lahore police chief Haji Habibur Rehman said the attackers arrived at the scene in motorized rickshaws and two cars, and police later seized a large cache of weapons abandoned in one of the rickshaws and elsewhere near the scene.

The arsenal displayed for journalists included rocket-propelled grenades, pistols, 25 hand grenades, submachine guns and plastic explosives.

Despite the onslaught, the bus carrying the Sri Lankan players did not stop, speeding through the hail of bullets and into the stadium, likely saving many lives.

As the players ducked, shouting "Go! Go!" driver Mohammad Khalil said he maneuvered the bus, pocked with bullet holes and its windshield shattered, into the stadium.

At the traffic circle, gunmen fought a 15-minute battle with police. Pakistani TV footage showed at least two pairs of gunmen with backpacks firing on the convoy from a stretch of grass, taking cover behind a monument.



Alerted by rumbling sounds that preceded the collapse, all staff and visitors at the Cologne archive were able to get out in time without injuries, fire department director Stephan Neuhoff said.

Florian Hacke, who lives two buildings away, said he ran out of his house after he heard a creaking noise and cracks opened up in his ceiling.

Officials initially said nine people were feared missing in the neighboring buildings, but police later said all but three had turned up safe.

Neuhoff said rescuers needed to stabilize the area before moving into the rubble to determine whether anyone was trapped inside. Late Tuesday evening they pumped concrete into the ground around the area to firm it up.

There was no immediate word on the condition of the archive's contents, but a regional government official, LutzLienenkaemper, promised help in salvaging them.

Cologne has archive material going back over centuries, including manuscripts by communist pioneers Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels and documents related to German writer Heinrich Boell.

Emergency workers evacuated buildings in a 150-yard radius.

A nearby retirement home with 76 residents also was evacuated for fear that a crane could collapse on it.

It was not immediately clear what caused the archive building to collapse.

Work was being done on a new subway line under the street on which the building stood. The roof of the subway construction site also collapsed Tuesday, but officials said they did not believe anyone was trapped in there.

Subway project leader Rolf Papst also said there had been no major tunneling work done in the last 30 days.

"I am not aware of any work at the moment that might have caused this," said Gudrun Meyer, a spokeswoman for the subway company.

The modern-style building opened in 1971. A longtime archive employee, Eberhard Illner, told a German radio station that he had noticed and reported cracks in the basement last year.

However, Neuhoff said initial indications were that those cracks had no link to the collapse.

In 2004, the tower of a nearby church leaned about 3 feet to one side, an incident blamed on underground construction work.

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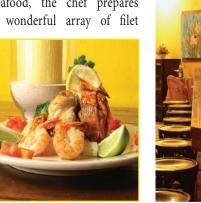


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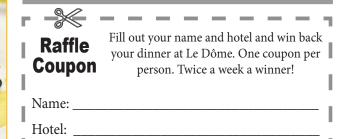
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# Serena beats Venus in all-Williams final at MSG



Venus Williams, left, and Serena Williams, right, pose for a photo with Billie Jean King after Serena beat her sister 6-4, 6-3 in the championship match of the Billie Jean King Cup tennis exhibition Monday, March 2, 2009 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

## By JAY COHEN it wanted by advancing to the Serena Wil

# AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams wore down sister Venus to win the Billie Jean King Cup exhibition tournament on Monday, finishing off the return of women's tennis to Madison Square Garden with a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

The Williams sisters gave the crowd of 12,026 exactly what

it wanted by advancing to the championship, but Venus was never the same after she was broken in a marathon game in the first set.

"Hopefully everyone had a really good time out here," Serena Williams said during the trophy ceremony. "Venus and I are so excited to be playing in here, in Madison Square Garden."

Serena Williams won \$400,000 of the \$1.2 million purse as women's tennis grabbed center stage at MSG after a nine-year absence.

Associated Press

The Garden hosted the WTA season-ending championships every year but one from 1977-2000, but the marquee event hasn't been back since. After Roger Federer beat Pete Sampras in a riveting three-

setter at MSG last year, four of the top seven women's players in the world agreed to stage their own exhibition at "the world's most famous arena."

"Wow, what an event," Venus Williams said. "I wish I could've won."

Serena Williams shook off an early challenge from seventh-ranked Ana Ivanovic and won 6-3 in the second semifinal after Venus advanced with a 6-4 victory over Jelena Jankovic in the one-night exhibition.

The sisters were tied at 4-4 with Venus serving when they engaged in easily the longest game of the night. After nine deuces, Venus dumped a backhand into the net on Serena's eighth break point of the game. Serena then held to take the first set and opened the second with another break as a weary Venus struggled with her serve. Before the final, former President Bill Clinton, figure skaters Sarah Hughes and Nancy Kerrigan and race car driver Janet Guthrie participated in a tribute to Billie Jean King, who founded the Women's Tennis Association in 1973.

"She has probably done more than any other woman in the world to empower women and educate men," Clinton said.

The Williams sisters were clearly the star attraction for the crowd, which braved a winter snowstorm to catch the stars before they come back to the area this summer for the U.S. Open. Many of the fans filed out after Serena won the first set of the championship.

The first semifinal featured solid serving and erratic groundstrokes. Williams got the only break when the third-ranked Jankovic hit a backhand wide and won when the Serb belted a forehand long on match point after Williams failed to put away an overhead.

Serena Williams rallied from 15-40 down to hold serve in the third game of her semifinal, then broke Ivanovic to go up 3-1. Ivanovic earned two more break points in the seventh game but Williams rallied to take a 5-2 lead.

The Billie Jean King Cup was part of "Tennis Night in America," an effort by the U.S. Tennis Association to get youth registered for the sport. More than 750 tennis and community centers were signing up kids for spring and summer leagues.





# earch will end for NFL players off coast

### By CHRISTINE ARMARIO **Associated Press Writer**

CLEARWATER, Florida (AP) —The U.S. Coast Guard called off the search on Tuesday for two NFL players and a third man lost at sea off the Florida coast after their boat capsized during a fishing trip.

The Coast Guard said it doesn't believe anyone is on the surface of the water and the search would end at sundown. Still missing in rough, cold water were Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, free-agent defensive lineman Corey Smith and William Bleakley.

that if there are any survivors on the surface of the water that we would have found them." Coast Guard Capt. Timothy Close said.

Hopes were raised on Monday when rescue crews found a fourth man who was aboard, 24-year-old Nick Schuyler, who managed to stay with the boat for more than 36 hours after it overturned late Saturday.

Prospects for survival were beginning to look more grim throughout the day, with the father of one of the men saying the Coast Guard told him privately that officials were "We're extremely confident losing hope because of the



U.S. Coast Guard Captain Timothy Close, center, briefs the media during a news conference at the U.S. Coast Guard station in St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday afternoon March 2, 2009. NFL players Marquis Cooper, Corey Smith, and former University of South Florida football player Will Bleakley, have not been seen since they left to go fishing early Saturday morning. A fourth man, Nick Schulyer, also formerly of the University of South Florida, was rescued earlier clinging to an overturned boat. The Coast Guard is searching a 3,000 square-mile area in the Gulf of Mexico for the missing boaters.

### Associated Press

**Ponson using WBC** as big league tryout

BRADENTON, Florida (AP) — Sidney Ponson's hopes of returning to Major League Baseball by pitching for Netherlands in the World Classic got off to a rocky start when he gave up three runs and five hits over three innings in a 5-4 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.

"So far, nobody has called," said Ponson a free-agent who has won just 14 MLB games over the past three years. "I definitely don't want to hang up the spikes just yet. I think I still have a lot of baseball in me.'

Ponson threw 69 pitches — one less than the maximum pitch count for WBC starters in the first round of the tournament. Ponson walked four and struck out three.

"It's a matter of getting back in the groove, getting my arm strength back up, and going from there," Ponson said. "If you can throw three innings, 70 pitches, in early March and your arm doesn't hurt, it's always good."

The 33-year-old Ponson made 24 starts last year for the Texas Rangers and New York Yankees, and went 8-5 with a 5.04 ERA. He will start the Netherlands' WBC opener on Saturday against the Dominican Republic.

"Arm strength and conditioning-wise, he's in great shape," Netherlands pitching coach Bert Blyleven said. "His fastball is in the low 90s. He's lost 20 pounds (9 kilograms). He's looking for a job and this gives him an opportunity."

Ponson is not the only Netherlands player hoping to find work with a good tournament. First baseman Randall Simon hasn't played in MLB since 2006, when he appeared in 23 games for the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I hope I perform (well) and show I can still play at the major league level," Simon said. "It's great exposure for me. I'm in shape. I know I can still play."

Simon had a run-scoring single in the first inning off Pirates right-hander Ross Ohlendorf. Ohlendorf pitched two innings and gave up one run on four hits.

The Netherlands will play two more exhibitions in Florida — on Wednesday against the Cincinnati Reds and on Thursday against the Minnesota Twins. The Netherlands then will fly to Puerto Rico for its first round-robin game against Alex Rodriguez and the Dominican Republic.

"Our first opponent won't be easy," Blyleven said. "But, hopefully, everybody will keep dropping out."

time that has passed and the possibility the men would be suffering from hypothermia. Coast Guard officials said publicly that they were still hopeful.

Close said searchers found

miles southeast of the boat. Schuyler told the Coast Guard that the boat was anchored when it capsized in high seas. He said the four friends were able to put on life vests and

a cooler and a life jacket 16 huddle together, but the others eventually became separated. Schuyler was dehydrated and showing symptoms of hypothermia, but his condition was upgraded to fair on Tuesday.



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In this April 25, 2008 file photo, New York Rangers hockey player Sean Avery skates against the Pittsburgh Penguins during the first period of Game 1 of an Eastern Conference semifinal hockey playoff series in Pittsburgh.

# **Avery back with Rangers** after waiver claim

By IRA PODELL

**AP Hockey Writer** 

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move weeks in the making, the New York Rangers claimed bad boy Sean Avery off re-entry waivers from the Dallas Stars on Tuesday.

New York is set to give the controversial forward what could amount to his last chance to resurrect his NHL career. He could be in the lineup as soon as Thursday against the New York Islanders.

Avery spent the past month with the Rangers' minor league team in Hartford, Connecticut while remaining the property of the Stars. He hasn't played in the NHL since he was suspended in December for making a crude remark about other ice hockey players dating his former girlfriends.

Avery served a six-game ban and completed treatment in a league counseling program, but the Stars made it clear he would never play for them again.

Avery was assigned to Hartford after all 30 NHL teams passed on him during a first set of waivers.

New York will be responsible for half the money left on his contract that runs through the next three seasons, with a salary cap hit of more than \$3.8 million a year.

Avery left the Rangers after last year's playoffs for a four-year deal worth \$15.5 million with the Stars, who will pay the other half of the contract. Had a team claimed him before he went to Hartford, that club would have had to pay all of the remaining money.

Avery had three goals and seven assists in only 23 games for Dallas before being suspended by the NHL on Dec. 2. When suspended, the 28-year-old Avery told the Stars he needed help dealing with his anger. He completed a counseling program under the auspices of the league and the NHL Players' Association before being placed on Dallas' active roster for the purpose of being waived.

Avery spent the previous 1½ NHL seasons with the Rangers, who advanced to the second round of the playoffs in both of his seasons. Last season, he had 15 goals and 18 assists in 57 games with the Rangers, and was second on the club in penalty minutes (154).





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LA HABANA (Reuters) - El convaleciente líder cubano Fidel Castro se reunió con el presidente de República Dominicana, Leonel Fernández, engrosando el inusual desfile de mandatarios de la región que ha recibido en la isla en lo que va de año, dijeron el martes medios estatales.

Fernández realiza una visita a La Habana para participar en un foro de economistas junto al presidente de Honduras, Manuel Zelaya.

"Tuve el privilegio de conversar ayer (lunes) con Fidel sobre Dominicana y diversos temas como la crisis en América Latina", dijo Fernández, citado por la agencia estatal Prensa Latina. Imágenes del encuentro no fueron inmediatamente divulgadas.

Castro, de 82 años, y alejado de la vista pública desde que se enfermó en julio del 2006, fue sustituido hace un año por su hermano menor, el general Raúl Castro, en la presidencia de Cuba.

Antes de Fernández y Zelaya estuvieron en Cuba en visitas oficiales los mandatarios de Panamá, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile, Guatemala y Venezuela, dando un fuerte espaldarazo



El presidente dominicano, Leonel Fernández, frente al monumento a José Martí en La Habana, 3 marzo 2009. REUTERS/Claudia Daut (CUBA)

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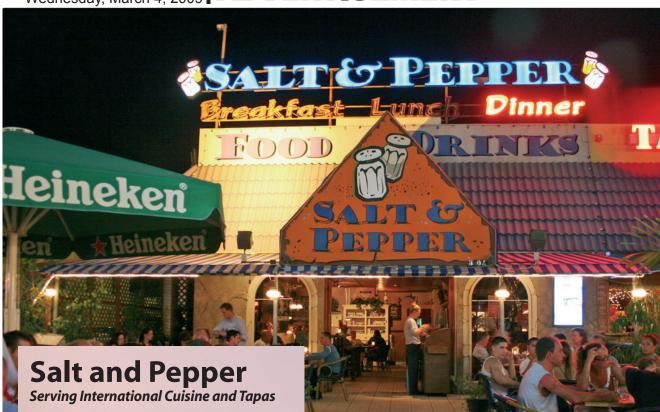
Castro recibió con anterioridad a Cristina Fernández. de Argentina; Michelle Bachelet, de Chile y a su amigo y aliado el presidente Hugo Chávez, de Venezuela.

El encuentro entre Fernández y Castro ocurrió el lunes, cuando el Gobierno cubano anunció la más profunda reestructuración en décadas, que incluyó la salida y del secretario del Consejo de figuras políticas prominentes.

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